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SUBJECT: CZECH NNSC MEMBER LUNCHEONS WITH AMB

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1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT CZECH SENIOR MEMBER OF NNSC AT PANMUNJOM, GEN. SMOLDAS, HAD REQUESTED JANUARY 20 LUNCHEON MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR. IT SPECULATED THAT MEETING MAY THUS HAVE BEEN INTENDED AS SIGNAL TO NORTH KOREA AND ROK ON SOVIET BLOC FLEXIBILITY ON KOREA QUESTION.

2. WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED FROM SWISS NNSC SENIOR MEMBER VAN MUYDEN, WHO ACTED AS GO-BETWEEN IN ARRANGING LUNCH, THAT SMOLDAS DID NOT, IN FACT, PROPOSE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR. VAN MUYDEN SAID THAT INSTEAD, SMOLDAS HAD RESPONDED TO WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS SUGGESTION CONVEYED FROM AMERICAN SIDE THAT MEETING TAKE PLACE. FACT THAT SMOLDAS DID NOT TAKE INITIATIVE IN ARRANGING MEETING WEAKENS BUT DOES NOT ENTIRELY RULE OUT THRUST OF SPECULATION IN REFTEL.
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